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Body in Mississauga creek identified

A body that was discovered in a Mississauga creek last week has been identified.

On the evening of Sept. 14 around 5 p.m., Peel Police received a report about a body found in Mary Fix

Creek, in the Dundas Street West and Parkerhill Road area.

The victim has been identified as 27-year-old Daniel Dillon-Gardner.

Authorities do not believe

there were any suspicious circumstances surrounding his death.

Anyone with information is asked to call 12 Division at (905) 453-2121, ext. 1233.

Third arrest made in Peel's 10th homicide of the year

A 25-year-old woman from North York has been arrested in conjunction with a shooting that occurred in Mississauga earlier this year.

Earlier this summer, officers responded to a shooting at a strip club on June 29 at 1820 Dundas Street West, and found a male who had sustained gunshot wounds.

The victim, 27-year-old Raimzhan Tokhtabayev, was transported to hospital, but succumbed to his injuries.

On Sept. 12, Adriana Milani, from North York, was

charged with an accessory to murder charge. She appeared in Brampton on Wednesday, Sept. 13.

The arrest follows those of 20-year-old Toronto resident Elias Gibb and 23-year-old Mississauga resident Christopher Anderson, who were both taken into custody on Thursday, Aug. 27 in connection with the murder. Both men surrendered without incident.

Police say that all three individuals charged in the incident knew each other, but the victim was a stranger to them.

Investigators from the Homicide and Missing Persons Bureau are continuing to ask for any information or leads from members of the community.

Anyone wishing to submit a tip can do so at (905) 453-2121, ext. 3205.

Information may also be left anonymously by calling Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), or by visiting www.peel-crimestoppers.ca or by sending a text message to CRIMES (274637) with the word 'PEEL' and then your tip.

Witnesses sought after collision last week in Mississauga

Peel Police's Major Collision Bureau is appealing to the community for assistance after a collision that occurred last week in Mississauga.

Last Friday, Sept. 15 around 9:50 p.m., a 31-year-old man was walking across Bloor Street east of Fieldgate Drive when he was struck by a vehicle travelling westbound on the street.

The vehicle remained on-

scene until investigators arrived. The victim was sent to a trauma centre in Toronto with serious, non-life-threatening injuries.

Investigators are appealing for witnesses who may have witnessed the collision, have dashboard video footage of the incident or who may have information regarding the actions of the pedestrian and / or driver prior to the collision.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Major Collision Bureau at (905) 453-2121, ext. 3710.

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Man charged after ramming stolen vehicle into police cars

22 Division has arrested a 17-year-old who rammed into two police cars in Brampton earlier this week.

This past Sunday (Sept. 10) around 9 p.m. in the Queen Street and McMurphy Avenue area, authorities responded to a report of a stolen vehicle that had been taken from the River Grove Community Centre in Mississauga on Aug. 28.

Police encountered a suspect driving the vehicle. The suspect proceeded to ram

into both police cars before abandoning the vehicle and fleeing on foot. No injuries were reported, though all three vehicles were damaged in the incident.

The suspect was located by soon after and arrested without incident.

The 17-year-old, who can't be identified under the Youth Justice Act, was charged with one count of dangerous operation of a vehicle and two counts of failure to remain at an ac-

cident.

Police are continuing to look for any witnesses or further information regarding the incident.

Those with information can contact 22 Division's Criminal Investigation Bureau at (905) 453-2121, ext. 2233. Information may also be left anonymously by calling Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), or by visiting www.peel-crimestoppers.ca.

Fatal collision in Mississauga leaves one dead and one critically injured

Peel Police's Major Collision Bureau are investigating a fatal collision which occurred in Mississauga early Thursday morning.

Around 1:13 a.m. in the Bristol and Mavis Road area, an SUV and another vehicle collided at the intersection.

A 66-year-old passenger from Mississauga in the SUV was pronounced dead at the scene, while the 58-year-old driver, also from Mississauga, was

transported to a trauma centre and is in critical condition.

31-year-old Azar Sheikh, from Milton, was charged with several offenses, including possession of a controlled substance and impaired operation. He was also sent to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Sheikh appeared in Brampton court on Thursday.

Police are still searching for witnesses who may have in-

formation or video footage of the incident, or who may have information regarding the actions of the drivers prior to the collision.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Major Collision Bureau at (905) 453-2121, ext. 3710.

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Despite the Amazon bid hoopla, there are still critics of the deal

by John Valorzi

There's been lots of hoopla about the looming bid for Amazon's new headquarters, but there are still critics of the deal.

Some worry that taxpayers would be on the hook for billions in government subsidies to help lure Amazon's corporate headquarters to the GTA.

Others, including the founder of the Wind Mobile cellphone operator, have a bigger beef with Amazon.

Local governments, the province and Ottawa like the U.S. \$5 billion investment and potential for 50,000 high-paying tech jobs over the next 15 years if the GTA could outbid numerous other North Amer-

ican cities also in the running to meet the Oct. 19 bid deadline.

Tony Lacavera, chairman of Globalive Capital and a major tech investor, says the Amazon bidding frenzy that has swept over North America is "the biggest Trojan Horse of all time", because it reinforces Canada's reputation as a branch plant economy and delays the creation of our own home-ground tech giants.

The tech financier who helped build cellphone operator Wind Mobile a few years ago said Canada should be using its money to build its own technology multinationals instead of expanding the traditional branch plant industrial economy into high-tech world.

He has created a \$100-mil-

lion fund to keep startups in Canadian hands.

"It's very scary what's happening," he told BNN, a Toronto business broadcaster, at a recent IT conference in Toronto.

He cited the Canadian auto sector as a case in point. It's an industry dominated by global multinationals such as Ford, GM FiatChrysler, Toyota and Honda, with thousands of jobs in southern Ontario, "but no Canadian car," and strategic decisions made outside the country.

"If you look at the tech sector today, you have Microsoft, Google, Facebook and now potentially Amazon -- all of them are establishing a very significant presence in Canada -- cultivating the growth of great Canadian talent from our great academic institutions," he said.

"And once someone rises to the top, what's their career path at Amazon? It's to go to the U.S. It's the biggest Trojan Horse of all time yet we're excited and we're rolling out the red carpet, taxpayer dollars to help bring them."

"I think it's insanity."

The tech industry is dominated by U.S. global giants but Canada has tried to

create its own leaders - remember Nortel Networks during the dot-com boom and Research in Motion, now known as BlackBerry, a decade ago.

However, those efforts failed as Nortel went bankrupt and BlackBerry fell behind Apple and other smartphone makers to lose its former market dominance.

Amazon, a rapidly growing e-commerce giant, is one of the world's most innovative companies and its bid conditions mean only a handful of North American cities boast the infrastructure, the amenities and the workforce the company needs for success.

Mark Cohon, the former Canadian Football League commissioner who is chairman of the Toronto Global foreign investment marketing agency, says the GTA has everything Amazon needs -- in abundance - and though subsidies may help, the GTA bid will win out on other factors - mainly the region's diversity, tolerance and access to global tech talent because of Canada's liberal immigration policies.

"Any incentives and subsidies can't buy talent," he says. "There's a major dif-

ferentiation between us and the American cities. That talent piece is a very important piece," he told Peel Daily News in an exclusive interview earlier this week.

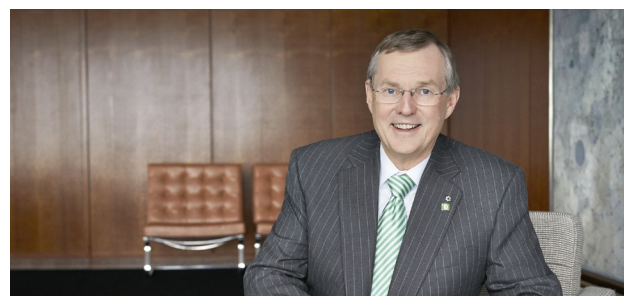
That may be so but the province's point man on the file, former TD Bank CEO Ed Clark, dismisses talk of massive subsidies from Queen's Park and Ottawa to lure Amazon to the GTA.

Clark says large taxpayer subsidies to the firm wouldn't be fair to other companies that have set up shop in Ontario with little or no government help.

"There are clearly places in the United States that will, I use the word, bribe, people to come," he said in a recent interview with The Canadian Press, the national news agency. "[They] say you just tell us what cheque you want us to write, we will write that cheque. We're not in that business."

If that's what Amazon is looking for, Ontario will not win, said Clark, who retired as CEO of TDE Bank three years ago.

"We have proven people are coming to Toronto right now, and to Ontario, because we've just got fantastic people."



Former TD Bank CEO Ed Clark. (Submitted Photo)

Local reaction as Toys"R"Us teeters on edge of bankruptcy

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company's ability to operate under a restructuring plan in order to continue stocking shelves through the holiday season.

Fonseca says she's been shopping there since she was a kid, and still loves going in to pick up items particularly when they're on sale.

"Who doesn't like Toys 'R' Us? Like I said, during Christmas and stuff and through out the year, they always have great deals. A lot of their stuff, you can't compare at Wal-Mart. You just wait a week; it'll probably be on sale," she said.

"Maybe they'll downsize. Hopefully they'll just close a few stores."

The company has hired law firm Kirkland & Ellis to help in their restructuring efforts.

A debt-restructuring plan would be aimed at providing financial flexibility for the company so it can continue investing in the business and to adapt to the changing retail landscape.

At a recent meeting of Peel Regional Council, Elena Price, property manager for Mississauga Square One, said changing trends are pushing more brick-and-mortar operations into insolvency.

"Alone in 2017 to date, we already have 10 retailers that have filed for bankruptcy at Square One, five of those which have already closed," she said.

"The balance will close in the rest of the year. So our teams are incurring a significant amount of cost that are incurred when these stores close," she said.

Price puts the blame squarely on Internet shopping which has exploded in popularity in recent years.

"There's an exponential growth in online shopping which has critically impacted the sales coming through our retailers at our shopping centres."

Toys "R" Us joins Target and Sears stores on the growing list of stores forced to close or restructure their operations.



(Above) Jessica Fonseca poses with her child in front of a Toys "R" Us on Sept. 18, 2017. (PDN Staff Photo)

Minimum wage hike splits Ontario as business opposition grows



John Valorzi
Columnist

It's not going away, Premier Wynne.

Opposition by business and critics against the government's minimum wage policy will likely intensify this fall ahead of the Jan. 1 deadline for the first hike to \$14. A year later it moves to \$15, a 32 per cent jump in just 16 months.

Supporters and opponents of the deal have been battling in the newspaper opinion pages, TV talk panels and political back rooms of the province for months and there's still bitter feelings about the idea.

Unions love the plan, business hates it. About six in 10 Ontarians support the idea, but that depends on how

pollsters ask the question.

Meanwhile, most economists warn it will cut tens of thousands of jobs and raise the day to day cost of living as employers hike prices to compensate for higher labour costs.

Last week, Ontario's financial watchdog concluded in an assessment that hiking the minimum wage to \$15 an hour from the current \$11.40 could cost the province at least 50,000 jobs.

Still the Liberals are pressing ahead, despite the warnings of the legislature's own neutral watchdog -- the Financial Accountability Office.

But that's because the minimum wage hike is not really an economic policy, it's rooted in politics - specifically the timing of the coming provincial election next June 7.

Wynne's Liberals are in

third place well behind the leading PCs and second-place New Democrats so they have come up with the same broad strategy for next spring's campaign that they followed in their surprise 2014 majority victory.

In a nutshell, they're trying to outflank the NDP -- but on the left. They're trying to lure progressives to the Liberals with NDP-friendly social policies. That's why less than a week after NDP Leader Andrea Horwath unveiled a \$475 million plan to provide free essential drugs to all Ontarians -- the centrepiece of her 2018 campaign - Wynne and Finance Minister Charles Sousa came out with the government's own pharmacare plan for people under 25 in the spring budget.

Call me cynical, but the timing was more than a coinci-

dence.

For the PCs and their leader Patrick Brown, who is in a strong position to unseat Wynne as premier, the party needs to flesh out its own minimum wage ideas at their November policy conference. In the past, Conservatives were opposed to anything that would hurt the economy or harm small business but Brown is trying to steer the PCs to the political centre and should articulate a modern wage policy that will help the working poor.

On the minimum wage Brown's main beef is the pace of change, so he could decide to delay implementation of the second phase if the PCs take power next June or stretch the increase out over several more years to give businesses more time to adjust.

Or he could promise -- like the Wynne government already has -- to provide offsetting benefits so business does not feel the bite of the minimum wage hike.

In Mississauga, the local board of trade is dead set against the minimum wage hike, saying most of its 1,500 members -- small and big companies alike - oppose the idea.

"Government cannot legislate prosperity," president and CEO David Wojcik wrote in a recent op-ed column in Peel Daily News.

"As we look internationally, it's clear that jurisdictions that seek to grow their economy through increased regulation are left with lower labour market participation and higher unemployment, especially among young people."

To me, it's high time the Lib-

eral government appoint an independent group to oversee the policy and decide how to raise the minimum wage without harming business.

Other provinces have tackled the issue this way. B.C.'s new NDP government won't be moving to \$15 an hour until 2021 but the province just set up a new arm's-length Fair Wages Commission to devise a pathway to that wage level and build consensus for the plan.

A commission like that for Ontario would at least take politics out of the equation -- if you can ever do that in this highly polarized province.

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Ottawa discriminating against Italians, Portuguese immigrants as south Asians welcomed: Critic

by **Marco Patrone**

A critic of Canada's immigration system says Italian and Portuguese nationals face discrimination due to 'changing politics' as Ottawa welcomes south Asians by the tens of thousands.

"This is one of the things

I tried to tell the government," said Manuel Alexandre, Chairman of the Undocumented Workers Committee.

"We have to do something. Work with Portuguese, work with Italians, recognize our community as well."

Alexandre is an outspoken

advocate for skilled undocumented workers, many of whom are Portuguese and Italians working in construction. He pressed Minister Ahmed Hussen about the matter at a town hall in Brampton Saturday.

Hussen told the assembled crowd, "on the issue of Italian nationals and Portuguese nationals not having avenues to get to Canada, I can tell you, nothing could be further from the truth," he said.

"Part of the discussion needs to take into consideration the ability of Italian nationals and Portuguese nationals to go into other countries in Europe and work. A lot of the young people in Italy, they're working in Belgium, working in the UK because of labour mobility agreements. We don't have those kinds of labour mobility agreements with

those countries."

Alexandre says tens of thousands of Philipinos, Indians, Pakistanis and Chinese get on the path to citizenship every year while the number of Italians and Portuguese is in the hundreds.

"They're being kept out for reasons I can't understand. It's important for them to know what's going on," he said.

Alexandre says politics and race are coming into play, with elected south Asians playing powerful roles at the federal and provincial levels.

"The politics are changing. You can see all the MPs. I'm a good friend with all the MPs in there but when all the MPs and MPPs are all brown and there is no more diversity and they have a lot of power and they work together. I have great admiration for them."

Alexandre, an electrician and Portuguese immigrant, pressed the minister about the plight of foreign workers facing deportation.

"We need the skilled labour. The skilled labour is being deported. They pay taxes like you and me and everybody else. We feel that it's not fair for someone being deported after having kids over here, having a family here, having a company here. That hurts my heart."

Alexandre blames language requirements introduced by the previous government for making it more difficult for workers who don't speak English or French to gain permanent residency.

"For Canadian citizen, of course you need to speak English [or French]. For permanent residency, it shouldn't be a requirement. This is one of the things I asked for last year, in May

in Ottawa. I met with some MPs in the House of Commons. We have to do something."

The minister told Alexandre discussions aimed at updating the undocumented worker rules are still going on.

"When you are creating a program designed to regularize people, it's not something you can do in one day. There's a lot of consultations, not just with the community but also within government."

Hussen also blamed Italy and Portugal for being unwilling to bring in reciprocal programs that would allow Canadians to work in those countries for longer than they are currently allowed to do so.

Canada is expected to welcome 300,000 new permanent residents this year.



Brampton-Centre MP Ramesh Sangha speaks to reporters after an immigration town hall on Sept. 16, 2017. (PDN Staff Photo)

Brampton board says local housing market slower but prices up year over year

by **John Valorzi**

Brampton's real estate agents are looking at the slower housing market but they see a silver lining.

The number of houses and condos sold in Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon fell 39 per cent in August, but fewer listings helped prices rise 5.5 per cent from the same period a year ago.

The board, which represents real estate agents across Peel, says the numbers indicate continued strong demand going ahead for home ownership.

The real estate group says September's trends indicate continued strength in the real estate market with a balance between number of homes listed and sold.

"A balanced real estate

market ensures that the dream of home ownership is available to more consumers," says Lang Vuong, president of the Brampton board. and a broker with Cloud Realty in Mississauga.

"Peel Region will remain one of the most active real estate markets in the Greater Toronto Area."

The nearly 50,000 real estate agents across the GTA have been forced to adjust to a slowing market easing the housing bubble that pushed prices above \$1 million in the Toronto area, Vancouver and other parts of Canada.

Rising mortgage rates and more restrictive banking rules in recent months have made it more expensive to finance a home, taking many potential bidders out of the market.

Moreover, the Ontario government's decision in its April budget to slap a 15 per cent tax on foreign buyers of houses and condos also put a chill into the market.

However, the GTA is the gateway for immigrants, pushing up regional demand for housing since about 110,000 newcomers are moving to the region each year - many to Brampton and Mississauga.

Industry statistics show Brampton has an average house price of \$665,602 and 1,340 new listings in the last month.

The city's housing data shows homes for sale stay on the market for 27 days.

In Mississauga, current MLS stats show an average house price of \$665,597 and 1,408 new listings in the last month.

A Mississauga home

stays on the market about 25 days before it's sold and overall prices are up nine per cent year over year.

The board says that after an extremely brisk start to the year, inventory levels increased through the summer months, resulting in just over two months of inventory of available properties, providing buyers with greater choice in the market.

While changes to market conditions, interest rates and legislation continue to affect the market, Peel Region and the City Of Brampton have recorded an average annual population growth rate of 4.2 per cent, making it the country's ninth largest city with nearly 600,000 residents -- and the second-fastest growing in Canada.

Sustained popula-

tion growth suggests a healthy real estate market is looming as the industry approaches the spring of 2018, the next prime home buying season.

The Brampton board was formed in 1955 and is a member of the Ontario and Canadian Real Estate Associations. The board has more than 1,500 members.



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New 407 highway extension to 410 now officially open

The operator 407 ETR has officially opened 21 new kilometres of the toll roadway between Highway 427 and Highway 410, a stretch of highway that runs through Mississauga and Brampton.

The private company that runs the highway, 407 International Inc., said the new lane of the 108-kilometre highway are now officially open.

The opening of these new lanes will likely help the op-

erator boost what was record traffic last year.

"The company continues to take enormous pride in the excellent quality of the roadway," said Andres Sacristan, president and CEO of 407 ETR. "We will continue to widen the highway to help ensure drivers enjoy the time and money savings they have come to value by using Highway 407 ETR."

407 International Inc. is owned by Cintra Infraestructuras S.A., a unit of Spanish building giant Ferrovial S.A., with 43.2 per cent, the CPP Investment Board, with 40 per cent and engineering giant SNC-Lavalin, with 16.8 per cent.

Average daily workday trips have increased from 237,000 in 1999, to over 408,000 in 2016. The toll highway runs from Burlington in the west through GTA suburbs to Oshawa.



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Commuters in Peel could one day see hydrogen-powered GO Trains

by **John Valorzi**

Commuters riding to Mississauga's Port Credit, Clarkson or Dixie stations or up to Bramalea or Mount Pleasant stops in Brampton could one day see hydrogen-powered GO trains taking them there.

That's because Ontario is electrifying GO rail network in the GTA and Hamilton area and is seeking design concepts for hydrogen-powered trains as an alternative to conventional overhead wires.

In planning electrification, Ontario's transit agency, Metrolinx, is carrying out a feasibility study on the use of hydrogen fuel cells to power electric motors on each train.

The electrification project is part of the Liberals' \$21-billion multi-year plan to upgrade and expand the GO network and reduce the number of diesel-fuelled locomotives to cut air pollution and reduce greenhouse gases.

"Electrifying GO rail service is a major step forward for public transit in

our province," says Steven Del Duca, provincial Minister of Transportation.

"The work we are doing on electrification today represents a significant investment that will impact Ontarians for generations. It is critical that we get it right. I look forward to reviewing the results of the hydrail feasibility study."

The province has asked several rail vehicle manufacturers to prepare designs and to demonstrate the impact that incorporating hydrogen fuel cells into double-decker trains would have on the performance of the GO rail network.

Such a system is called an Electrical Multiple Unit, or EMU, train, made up of many self-propelled carriages linked together and not requiring a separate locomotive.

Such systems already operate around the world -- include the Heathrow Flyer in the UK, the AGV in France and the TTC's Toronto Rocket subway trains.

Fuel cells produce electricity through a chemical reaction, but without

combustion. They convert hydrogen and oxygen into water, and create electricity in the process.

Del Duca said the hydrail feasibility study is slated to close by the end of the year, and a decision on whether to go ahead with such a system will be made after that, likely next year.

"This announcement is a critical step to helping us understand the possibilities of using hydrail on our network," said Robert Siddall, acting president and CEO of Metrolinx, which runs the GO network.

"This procurement process will allow Metrolinx to identify partners with bi-level EMU experience and capacity to integrate a hydrogen fuel cell system into their bi-level EMU products."

Metrolinx is developing transit projects across the GTA, including the \$1.4 billion Hurontario LRT connecting Port Credit to Brampton and the 18-kilometre Mississauga Transitway corridor of dedicated bus lanes running along Highway 403 and Eglinton Ave.

that can be used by therapists to help patients with upper limb paralysis to improve voluntary control of their arms and hands.

MyndTec is a nine-year-old company formerly known as Simple Systems.

The company was set up to commercialize technology developed by Popovic and fellow doctors at the Toronto Rehabilitation Institute and the Institute of Biomaterials and Biomedical Engineering at the University of Toronto.

CUPE Local gets new contract with U of T

Janitors, food service and parking lot workers at the University of Toronto's Mississauga campus will vote on a new contract this week after a major union agreed on a broader labour deal.

Local 3261 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees reached a deal Friday morning with U of T, affecting its campuses in Peel, Scarborough and downtown Toronto.

Full details of the agreement will be released after ratification votes this week at U of T's Scarborough, St. George and Mississauga

campuses.

The tentative agreements cover 1,200 full-time, part-time and casual custodial, maintenance, food service, parking and security employees represented by

CUPE.

UTM has about 14,000 students and is the second-largest of the university's three campuses. Overall, U of T has an enrolment near 90,000.



Workers at Brinks vote to strike the Mississauga-based cash handler

Unionized workers at Mississauga-based Brink's Canada Ltd. in Ontario and British Columbia have voted to strike the cash handling company if they can't agree to a new contract.

About 98 per cent of the company's Ontario workers in various Unifor locals voted to strike to back contract demands. In B.C., about 300 Unifor members support a strike call if needed.

"The physical safety of our members is at the core of these negotiations so there is no question that Unifor is prepared to take any and all necessary action," said Unifor national president Jerry Dias.

The security services company is based on Robert Speck Parkway near Square One in

central Mississauga and provides armed guard and other security services across the country. Its major clients include the big banks and other financial companies

Unifor said the votes send a strong message to Brink's Canada ahead of scheduled negotiations in B.C. starting today and in Ontario on Oct. 2-6. The company risks simultaneous labour disputes in both provinces as workers will enter legal strike positions on October 15 and 16 respectively.

A key dispute involves the implementation of the "all off" crewing model, where the use of two-person crews means the driver and messenger are both forced to disembark from the vehicle at

drop-offs and pick-ups, leaving them vulnerable to attack.

Unifor said it has long pressed the company to eliminate the "all off" model, instead calling for three-person crews to allow the driver to stay in the vehicle as a lookout.

Other contentious issues include a proposal by Brink's Canada to switch workers from a well-funded Defined Benefit Pension to a cheaper voluntary Defined Contribution plan to lower the company's pension costs. Moreover, workers British Columbia also lag behind their Ontario counterparts financially.

"It's time for fairness," said Dias. "The company needs to come to the table with an offer that protects its workers both physically and financially."

Unifor is Canada's largest union in the private sector, with more than 315,000 workers in the auto, health care, fishing, manufacturing and other sectors of the economy. It is one of Canada's most active labour groups, promoting workers' rights and social justice around the world.



Medical Tech firm cleared to sell device for stroke sufferers

Mississauga's MyndTec Inc., a private medical technology company, has been cleared in the United States to sell its device to help people who have suffered strokes and other debilitating illnesses move their paralyzed arms.

The company, headquartered on Argentia Road in north Mississauga, said it can now start to sell its MyndMove device used to treat of arm and hand paralysis caused by stroke or spinal cord injury.

"This is a major milestone in

the evolution of our company," said MyndTec founder Dr. Milos Popovic.

"We are delighted that we can now offer this life-changing therapy to patients in the U.S. with upper extremity paralysis."

The company intends to launch a pilot project for the product in the U.S. following earlier approval from Health Canada for the Canadian market.

MyndMove Therapy is an electric stimulation therapy

Morguard says its southeastern U.S. properties not damaged by Hurricane Irma

Mississauga-based property owner Morguard Corp. says its apartment buildings and shopping malls in the southeastern United States did not suffer any significant damage from Hurricane Irma.

"None of our properties in the region received any substantial damage as a result of the storm," said K. Rai Sahi, CEO of Morguard, a company based on City Centre Dr. in downtown Mississauga. "We continue to support the operations teams at our properties as they proceed with the cleanup process and assist our residents and tenants in the region."

Morguard owns seven shopping malls, one apartment building and one office building in Florida. Its real estate investment trust has six residential properties in Florida and another three in Georgia.

Both states were hit hard by Hurricane Irma, wiping out power to two million customers in Florida, Georgia and the Carolinas and killing up to 40 people.

Morguard said preliminary assessments indicate that none of the company's properties sustained any structural or significant damage or experienced any flooding as a result of the storm. All buildings have been reopened and cleanup crews to remove debris and carry out minor re-

pairs.

Since the storm has passed, Morguard operations teams have been making steady progress assessing and clearing the properties affected by Irma. The on-site teams have been joined by many of the property residents, who are coming together as a community to help with the restoration of their homes.

"It has been remarkable to see the resiliency of our staff and residents, and my thanks go to everyone in Florida and Georgia whose hard work has helped minimize the impact of this storm," said John Talano, vice-president of the REIT. "Our thoughts are with the larger community who have been negatively affected by this and other recent storms as we come together to begin the recovery process."

The REIT owns stakes in a portfolio of 16 Canadian apartment complexes in Alberta and Ontario, and 30 U.S. low-rise and mid-rise, garden-style apartment communities in Colorado, Texas, Louisiana, Illinois, Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, Virginia and Maryland.

Morguard has extensive retail, office, industrial and hotel holdings owned directly, or through its investment in Morguard REIT. Together, its property portfolio has a value of about \$22 billion.

Mississauga seeks public input on 2018 budget

by John Valorzi

Residents of Mississauga can complain all they want about tax hikes and user fee increases but they're being given the chance to influence the city's 2018 budget decisions this fall.

The city is encouraging residents to try its budget allocator, explore the city's budget website, join in a telephone budget session, request a group meeting or attend a budget committee meeting as the financial blueprint is put together over the next three months.

Mississauga's online budget allocator is available at mississauga.ca/budget and allows residents to choose

their preferred spending option on 12 city services that drive the budget -- from transit and roads to fire and emergency services and recreation programs.

Residents can use the allocator to test different spending options and then choose one for each service area.

Results from the allocator received by Nov. 1 will be shared with the city's budget committee Nov. 20 and will influence its budget recommendations.

"The budget allocator is a simple way for residents to learn more about what City services cost, how property tax dollars are spent and

to tell us about their priorities," says Jeff Jackson, Mississauga's director of finance. "It is an opportunity to think about and share their priorities and get people involved in their city's business planning and budgeting process."

Mississauga is struggling with a potential property tax hike and other revenue enhancements that could be unpopular with some of the city's households, so local politicians are trying to get consensus on which tax changes are most palatable.

The 2016 Mississauga financial report noted user charges last year were \$245.2 million, an increase

of \$53.2 million from 2015 so a similar hike for 2018 would irritate some taxpayers.

City finance officials had proposed a three per cent property tax hike for next year but Mayor Bonnie Crombie wants that lowered to close to two per cent -- though that would involve some unpopular spending cuts.

Jackson said residents can also participate in one of three telephone budget sessions taking place -- Oct. 4, (city-wide), Oct. 18 (Wards 2 and 6) and Oct. 26 (Wards 3 and 4).

"The telephone budget sessions provide a great opportunity to hear from the city's senior leaders about the budget," he added. "A random selection of residents will receive a call with an invitation in advance to attend one of the upcoming sessions, followed by another call on the day of the session. Anyone who does not wish to participate can simply hang up."



Air Canada appoints a new chief information officer

Air Canada, which employs thousands of people in Peel and is one of Mississauga's biggest employers, has appointed a new chief information officer to help the carrier revamp its data systems.

Catherine Dyer, a former executive with energy giant Enbridge, WestJet Airlines and Telus, will be based at the airline's Montreal

headquarters.

Air Canada CEO Calin Rovinescu said Dyer joins the airline "at a pivotal time in our ongoing transformation."

"We are on the verge of an exciting new era of IT advancements that will enhance the customer experience through new products and services and also strengthen our business operations," he said in a statement.

"Catherine brings the talent to further develop this IT vision and to design a roadmap to implement technology innovations at Air Canada."

Air Canada is this country's biggest airline, with about 42,000 employees and operations around the world. In Canada it has major operations in Montreal and at its Pearson Airport hub in Mississauga.



Mississauga to Join Climate and Energy Covenant

Last week, Mississauga City Council unanimously voted in favour of having the City become a member of the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy (Global Covenant); formerly known as the Compact of Mayors.

Through collective actions and progress, Mississauga will join more than 7,000 cities participating in the ini-

tiative that represents more than 650 million people worldwide.

"As Canada's sixth largest city, Mississauga is committed to finding real solutions to address issues affecting our changing climate," said Mayor Bonnie Crombie.

"By becoming a member of the Global Covenant, we're furthering our Strategic

Plan's commitment to becoming a net-zero carbon city while sustaining a growing economy."

The Global Covenant is the largest international coalition of its kind. Established by the United Nations in 2008, it seeks to demonstrate the global impact cities are making to transition to a low emission and climate resilient economy.

Crombie will join other Canadian mayors including members from the cities of Calgary, Edmonton, Ottawa and Vancouver and the towns of Oakville and Milton.

According to climate projections, Mississauga is expected to experience more extreme weather events in the future.

Morguard

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group's information in the paper for FREE.

Caledon Golden Hawks set to fly into the 2017/2018 PJHL season

by Joe Snider

The Provincial Junior Hockey League is a Junior C hockey league which formed in 2016 when the eight Junior C leagues in the Ontario Hockey Association (OHA) merged. The PJHL is the third tier of junior hockey in the OHA and is sanctioned by the Ontario Hockey Federation and Hockey Canada.

Teams in the PJHL compete for the Clarence Schmalz Cup - won last season by the Ayr Centennials.

The Caledon Golden Hawks play in the North Carruthers Division and started the regular season on the road in Midland on Saturday, Sept. 15.

Last night, they hosted the Stayner Siskins at their home arena in Caledon East.

This Friday night, Sept.

22, Caledon's in Penetang to skate with the Kings, then on Sunday night, Sept. 24, they're home to the Aliston Hornets.

The Saturday after (Sept. 30), they meet the Jr. C Terriers in Orillia.

The Wingham Ironmen are at Caledon East Arena on Sunday, the 1st of October.

(Peel Daily News will follow the PJHL and, specifically the Golden Hawks, all

season long!)

The Hawks home base is Caledon East Arena at 6215 Old Church Road next to Caledon Town hall.

All home games start at 7 p.m.

Head coach is Stan Kondrota. General Manager is Sandy Bell. He's also behind the bench as an assistant coach.



Mississauga's Brandon Bridge Steps into the Breach!

PDN Sports congratulates Brandon Bridge, who quarterbacked the Saskatchewan Rough Riders to a 27-19 win over the Hamilton Tiger Cats last Friday night.

The 6'5", 230 pound 24-year-old pivot from Mis-

sisauga completed 21 of 31 passes for 231 yards. and 3 touchdowns.

After graduating from St Marcellinus Secondary School in Mississauga, Bridge played his U.S college ball at Alcorn State

and the University of South Alabama.

He's the first Canadian QB to throw 3 TD's in one game since Greg Vavra did it for Calgary in 1984!

Brewers Go All The Way!

The Bolton Brewers are North Dufferin Baseball League Senior Champions.

They defeated the New Low-ell Knights 5-2 Sunday afternoon to claim the title in the best of seven series, 4 games to one.

The Brewers take the Strothers Cup!



Junior B Bombers off to a Roaring Start!

Another Junior B hockey season is underway for the GO-JHL's Brampton Bombers!

They've won their first

two games, 6-1 over Pelham and 9-2 over the Komoka Kings.

The Bombers have the leagues 2 top scorers, Patrick Delvecchio

and Ivan Brewer, each with 7 points.

Brampton's back in action Friday in Stratford.

Their next home game,

at Memorial Arena isn't until Friday, Sept. 29 against the Guelph Hurricanes.



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Future Fish of the Week: Noel de Kemp

by **Joe Snider**

This week's Future Fish feature is on Noel de Kemp.

Birthday: 2001-01-01
Height: 6'0
Weight: 172lbs
Shoots: R
Position: Forward
Hometown: Ottawa
Previous Team: Cumberland Grads Midget AAA

Drafted from the Cumberland Grads Midget AAA, de Kemp recorded five goals and five assists for 10 points during the 2016-17 season.

The right-handed forward describes himself as a two-way power forward.

Childhood hockey idol: Mike Fisher

Favourite pre-game meal: Spaghetti

Favourite pump up song: Future and other

rap music

Most embarrassing moment: Forgetting my bag going to a hockey game

Favourite NHL team: Tampa Bay Lightning

De Kemp says his most memorable hockey moment so far in his career is "being drafted to the OHL."



Neil de Kemp poses with his classmates in this undated photo. (Photo Courtesy of Immaculata High School)

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Snider's view



Joe Snider
Sports Editor

I'm revisiting the past... all thanks to a chance meeting with an NHL hero from the 60s.

The scene: I'm out for an evening stroll in my new hood - Port Credit.

I bump into an older gentleman (older than me) who also lives in the area. I see

him almost every day and we exchange greetings. He's finished talking to another old-timer and the other man's walking away.

Buddy says to me - "That's Dickie Duff." Me: "No!!" I shout----"Dick!"

He walks back, and there I stand - face to face with an NHL legend. A Hall of Famer, six-time Stanley Cup winner (2 in Toronto, 4 in Montreal).

Me, after shaking his hand: "Last time I saw you was at Rocket's funeral in Monreal in 2000."

(I was there covering it for 680 News. He doesn't remember me:)

That was the extent of it - for now. I'm hoping to get him into the office/newsroom soon for a feature, full length interview for Peel Daily News. He lives 5 minutes away.

Oh, there was one more exchange. As he walked away, again I shouted, "Number 8!!" He turned, gave me a thumbs up and said, "You got it!" adding, "Risebrough had it next." By the way, I checked: Mr Duff's now 81.

Lookin' fine.

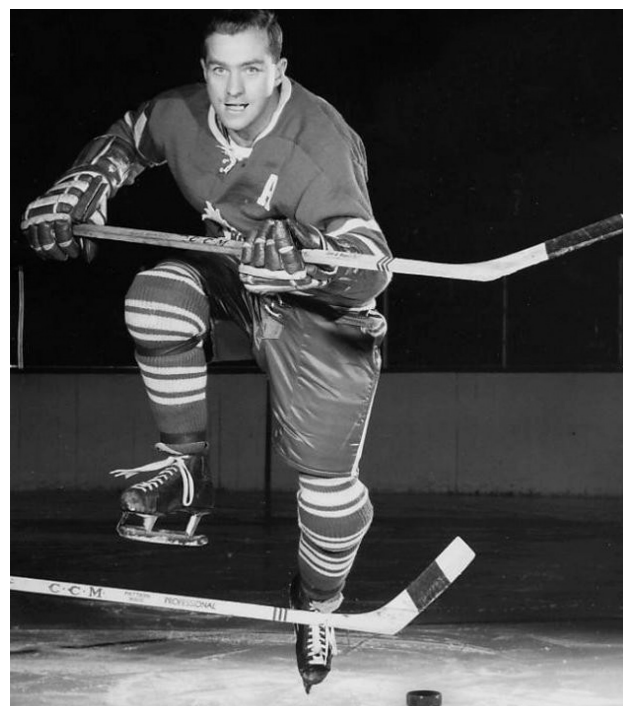
And---about those 6 Stanley cups? '62 and '63 in Toronto. '65, '66, '68 and '69 in Montreal.

Definitely a 60's hero. Very cool!

I'm 61 now, but for a few minutes, I felt 16.

FAN-tastic!!

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The Beast and the Habs: Together Again!

by **Joe Snider**

The ECHL's Brampton Beast and the NHL's Montreal Canadiens have renewed their affiliation agreement through the end of the 2017-18 campaign.

For the last two seasons, the Beast and the Canadiens have had an agreement in place that's seen the NHL club send players and prospects down to "the farm" and in turn, the Beast coaching staff assist in their development and growth.

Last season, the addition of high-calibre talent led and to the great-

est season in franchise history.

Brampton's success can be attributed in large part to the impact from players designated to the Beast from the Canadiens and their AHL affiliate, the St. John's Ice Caps, including Yannick Veilleux, Zachary Fucale and Mathieu Gagnon.

This season Montreal's AHL connection moves from Newfoundland to Quebec--as the Laval Rocket.

The hope is the closer proximity between the minor league affiliates will promote not only the growth and develop-

ment of prospects in the Canadiens organization, but also help to breed a winning culture.

Brampton President and General Manager Cary Kaplan is proud to extend the club's affiliation with the Canadiens and is excited to watch the growth of the Canadiens, Rocket and Beast continue into the 2017-18 hockey season.

He says "it's a privilege for the Beast to be affiliated with the most storied hockey franchise in the world."



Caledon's Taylor Reid making a go of it as a Professional Triathlete

by **David Robinson**

If you have ever attended a Kids of Steel Triathlon event, it is a crazy place on race morning.

Hundreds of kids as young as 5 swimming in a community pool, some with water wings on, riding tricycles or mini bicycles on trails and then running a couple of laps around the soccer field to finish up.

The kids are super pumped and the parents go ballistic cheering for their kid.

This is where 26-year-old Caledon native Taylor Reid got his start in the Olympic sport of triathlon.

Sport coaches all agree that parents set a very strong example for kids to follow.

This could not be more true for Reid, who had the good fortune of emulating athletic parents while he was growing up.

Taylor's parents, Peggy and Jim, are artists by trade, but were also

members of the C3 Triathlon Club, a Caledon-based multisport group founded by Barrie Shepley.

The club has roughly 200 members from age 5 to 85 and provides training and coaching for triathlon and other outdoor adventure sports.

Taylor's parents put him to a variety of sports during his youth including soccer and skiing, but when he entered his first KOS triathlon, he quickly found his calling.

By the time Taylor was 16, the graduate of Mayfield Public School and McMaster University had already decided what he wanted to do with his life. Racing on the world professional triathlon circuit was his goal.

With the guidance and support of Barrie Shepley and most recently California pro triathlon coach Paulo Souza, Taylor has steadily moved up the ranks from a local competitor to one that is a potential podium finisher at world class

meets.

During his rise to prominence, he experimented with a number of distances but has settled on the 70.3 event, essentially a half-ironman distance comprising a 2k open water swim, 90k bike race followed by a 21.1 k run.

This distance suits Taylor best because swimming is not his strongest event.

"I tried the shorter events," comments Reid, "but I found that I was well back in the swim and I did not have enough time to catch the leaders on the bike and run. When I moved up to the longer distance it gave me time to run down the leaders."

Role models are important to budding athletes, and Taylor is no exception. He credits Ancaster's John Rasmussen and Caledon's Sean Bechtel and Andrew Yorke as people who gave him inspiration.

Famed Kenyan Olympic runner and current Chairman of the Kenyan

Olympic Committee Kip Keino once stated that the will to win is nothing if you don't have the will to train.

Taylor Reid's training regime is nothing short of amazing. He trains 6 days week for as much as 5-6 hours a day. This often includes up to an hour of running, 90 minutes in the pool or lake and a 2-3 hour bike ride covering up to 100k.

He augments this with track work once per week, a good massage, some yoga and a moderate amount of stretching to stay loose.

To date, Taylor has had podium finishes at the 2015 and 2016 Mount Tremblant 70.3 as well as victories at Silverman Nevada, Victoria BC and Puerto Rico.

Not unlike most athletes, Taylor has had to overcome personal challenges in his life. In Grade 2, he was diagnosed with dyslexia.

He had trouble reading and writing which affected his confidence and his ability to learn.



Taylor Reid cheers after completing a recent triathlon. (Photo Courtesy of Competitive Image)

Over time, he has developed tools and techniques to work around the disability and is now a spokesperson for the Ontario branch of the International Dyslexia Association.

He helps spread awareness about the disability and the power of sport to overcome such challeng-

es.

Taylor has no plans as yet for his life after triathlon, but he is interested in cooking and may one day become a chef.

Taylor's next race is in Cozumel, Mexico on Sept. 24.

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Terry Fox Run draws runners from across Peel

Local runners from across the region celebrated the annual Terry Fox Run in various sites throughout Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon this past weekend.

The annual fundraiser, which commemorates Fox's Marathon of Hope in 1981, was held in more than 9,000 communities across Canada. Participants raised pledges and awareness for the Terry Fox Foundation, which helps to fund cancer research initiatives.

In Mississauga, residents in Streetsville and Port Credit turned out en masse to show their sup-

port, taking over the Port Credit Harbour/Lighthouse and Streetsville Memorial Park.

Brampton residents showed their support with a run that started at Terry Fox Public School, named for the iconic runner, and doing a 10k run that passed through the city centre.

Residents in Caledon held a 1k fun walk at the Bolton Kinsmen Centre.

According to the Terry Fox Foundation, the run will earn more than \$13 million this year alone in Ontario.

Photos by Emily Mizsk



Mississauga Mayor launches "One Bag Challenge" for local food banks

Mississauga Mayor Bonnie Crombie officially launched the yearly "One Bag Challenge" this weekend at Streetsville Village Square, which raises funds with the help of local businesses and organizations to benefit local food banks.

The food drive, which will run until Oct. 13, is being held in conjunction with the Mississauga Food Bank's Annual Thanksgiving Campaign, which is designed to help hungry residents in the city.

This year's goal is to raise 225,000 pounds of food and \$125,000.

"Our need has never been greater," said MFB execu-

tive director Chris Hatch, who spoke at the event. "Our shelves are bare."

Crombie received a verbal commitment of more than 25,000 pounds of food from participants at the launch, including Mississauga Coptic Centre, members of the city's Muslim community and Mississauga Fire Services.

Jack Rabba, president of Rabba Fine Foods, was on-hand at the event and said that he would be instituting a company-wide effort to raise food and money for the food drive.

Speaking about Canada itself, Rabba said, "We are one of the most fortunate people in the world ... we want to go

over and beyond the projections for this drive."

Crombie urged residents to donate, and said that items can be dropped off at fire stations throughout the city.

For more information on the campaign, visit www.themississaugafoodbank.org/thanksgiving.

Photos by Alex Gregory



The Life Expectancy of the Hometown Butcher, Baker and Candlestick Maker

by Jackie Potts

The parody of becoming a proprietor comes at break-neck speed; there is nothing “small” about a small business.

The dream, a haunting desire, manifests from a personal duty to a neighborhood obligation until it is realized. It greatly subsidizes our economy – more than 1/4 of the GDP is the direct result of small Canadian businesses – and accommodates millions of jobs (over 5,000,000).

Being an entrepreneur, however, “is not for the faint of heart, no ma’am” (gilded advice offered to me once I executed my own grand opening).

So, why has “supporting” local businesses gone from the necessity of our forefathers’ trading posts, to sounding more like a charity event?

I get it. Online or big-box shopping is the ambition of human design; it’s cheaper, and convenient, with luring coupons and Air Miles rewards.

But, let’s be honest; somewhere deep within the psyche is a vital yearning for the local tribe, that human connection; to talk directly with those grinding your coffee beans, and servicing your car – not to mention that win-win feeling when you’ve just paid the self-made plumber.

About 150,000 new small businesses are created each year in this country; and 1 in 10 Canadians own a small business. I was one of ten.

It was the best of times (cross that dream off my bucket-list), it was the worst of times, and it really was the Tale of Two Cities (well, villages).

Our small business (1-4 em-

ployees... and that included my business partner and I) was east of Hurontario, on the Lakeshore, in Port Credit, and like every major city out there, the east side is the wrong side of the tracks.

Particularly if your establishment is very modern and full of perishables that must be sold within 72 hours. (I was a florist, servicing elite weddings, events, workshops).

Now, that’s not to say the east side is run-down. On the contrary; it is clean, green, accessible and promising. I even live there; it is where I raise my young family. But the landscape changed when I transitioned from mother to shop owner.

On the flip side of the open sign, the east is dormant, joyless and aloof. Sparse foot traffic was liquidating our dreams and livelihoods; steep rents, antagonizing competition and operation costs were sending us packing.

By contrast, the west side’s goods, services, consigners and retailers thrive with browsers, diners and spenders, pollinating each other with business and glutinous shopping. Social and community events positioned there intensify this.

There were only two ways to respond: remain oblivious, or regard this much as you would a sibling rivalry.

There was nothing we didn’t try to keep those doors open; advertising, promotions, local fundraising, meet and greets with local artisans, and design classes.

We gave to a community that didn’t give back until we could give no more.

Orders were coming in online, and we were able to work

on location, so the decision was made to stop paying overhead for the storefront, and just like that, another commercial expiry date was one and the same with the lease.

Other pending factors have sent the retail vultures to circle these skies; the Trinity District development to the east, and the Landmark Waterfront development on the west end will start to siphon shoppers to the plaza and micro-mall services, but small merchants en route will go unnoticed.

If you successfully make it through all local impediments, you now have to battle your business through the disincentives at the federal stage.

With increases coming swiftly to minimum wage (from \$11.40 currently to \$14.00/hr on January 1st); it’s not difficult to speculate how this new payroll will affect employers, employees (fewer hours), and, ultimately, customer service.

Lastly, and vastly, are anxieties over the recent liberal tax proposals, and the punch entrepreneurs may have to stomach from that. The ambition of one proposal is to go after income sprinkling within a family business, and the other, would target passive income to be taxed twice.

Without understanding how, or how much, shopkeepers are already bracing for retail disfigurement and going into self-preservation mode.

For small Canadian business owners, true patron love IS patriotic love. Sustaining local markets and small trades of Port Credit grows national economy, offers a fantastic shopping experience and keeps the village Always On, Always Electric!

Celebrating Infrastructure Upgrades at Riverwood

by Alex Gregory

Dignitaries and local residents gathered together to celebrate local improvements to Mississauga parks and renovation projects this past weekend.

The Riverwood Conservancy hosted an official launch event for Canada 150 Infrastructure projects, which have been launched throughout the city over the past year.

In total, the City has received nearly \$5.6 million from the Canadian government to upgrade properties and launch projects through the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program.

The investments include upgrades to 54 sites and projects throughout Mississauga, including Lake Aquitane Park, the Small Arms Inspection Building in Lakeview, South Common Community Centre and Riverwood itself.

Ward 6 Councillor Ron Starr said that the infrastructure projects have

helped improve healthy, active living and impacted many residents in the city.

“These projects have touched every part of Mississauga,” he said.

Mississauga Mayor Bonnie Crombie, who spoke at the event, said that investing in social and green spaces makes the city more attractive to new residents.

“By investing in public spaces ... we increase the overall value of our city,” she said.

The improvements include upgrades to 19 trails and 26 playgrounds.

The funding was awarded in two segments, with the first group of projects (Intake 1) already completed. The Intake 2 projects are intended to be completed by March of next year.

City commissioner Paul Mitchum heralded the projects as representing a legacy for generations to come.

The event also included an official dedication ceremony for “Pine Sanctuary”,

a 3,000-piece structure located at the corner of Burnhamthorpe Road and Riverwood Park Lane.

The sculpture, designed by architect Marc Fornes and his design team, *THEVERYMANY*, took two-and-a-half weeks to build.

The piece is intended to be a landmark that will draw people into the park and was part of the first round of projects supported by the infrastructure funding.

“This is a gateway to one of the best parks in Ontario,” said Starr. His comments were echoed by Crombie, who said that the park is a “hidden gem” in the city.

“(This structure) shows that there’s something hidden and something precious down the road,” she said.

For more information about the Canada 150 Infrastructure Projects, visit www.mississauga.ca/canada150.



Mayor Bonnie Crombie speaks during the Canada 150 Infrastructure launch at the Riverwood Conservancy on Sept. 16, 2017. (Photo by Alex Gregory)

Mississauga asks residents to “Reimagine the Mall”

by **Alex Gregory**

City officials in Mississauga are asking residents to provide input on the future of several major shopping complexes throughout September and October.

The City has launched “Reimagining the Mall”, which is intended to help plan out the development of six areas which are anchored by indoor shopping malls, including Burnhamthorpe Community Centre, Erin Meadows Community Centre, Meadowvale Community Centre, Sheridan Library and South Common Community Centre.

The malls and their surrounding areas have been identified for intensification in the City’s Official Plan. This study and the

resulting policies will help ensure that future intensification is done in a way that enhances these areas.

The study is intended to set the framework for future redevelopment so that the appropriate policies are in place to fulfil the City’s long-term vision.

Residents are being invited to take part in a series of “walking audits” that will be held at the six sites. Participants will tour the areas and have opportunities to provide input factors that affect pedestrian experience, and identify changes that will make the areas more walkable.

The audits are not intended to cover mall redevelopment, but will focus on “creating new visions for these areas”, according to

a press release sent late last week. Public input will be collected via a number of events over the next year.

The walking audits will take place on the following dates:

Tuesday, Sept. 26
 Sheridan Library (Youth Room)
 2225 Erin Mills Parkway
 1 - 4 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 30
 South Common Community Centre (Gladys Hagen Senior’s Room)
 2233 South Millway Road
 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 2

Meadowvale Community Centre (Upper Lobby)
 6655 Glen Erin Drive
 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 3
 Burnhamthorpe Community Centre (Program Room)

1500 Gulleden Drive
 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 18
 Erin Meadows Community Centre (Program Room 2)
 2800 Erin Centre Boulevard

4 - 7 p.m.

A walking audit will also take place at Westwood Square in Malton (date and time TBA).

For more information, visit reimaginingthemall.ca.



Making a Difference - One Kilometer at a Time

by **Kathy Ratchford**

How do people make a difference driving for the Heart House Hospice Day Program and Spa?

Driving is a wonderful way to be an ambassador for the Day Program and Spa. Karen, one of the volunteer drivers for the Day Program says that driving is a modest commitment offering a huge benefit to the person, which in turn rewards the volunteer with warm satisfaction.

The driver has the opportunity to get to know the person on a one to one basis, answer questions that they may have and hear about the day’s events on the return journey.

“I have learned so much driving individuals to the

Day Program and Spa,” said Cameron, a volunteer with the hospice for over 17 years. “In our short drive together they often open up sharing their life experiences, thoughts, and feelings. My Dad, who until recently volunteered at Heart House, used to call it experiencing ‘the university of the car’.”

Mary, another driver for the Day Program feels, “Volunteers are love in motion.”

Heart House Hospice has been a special kind of caring since 1985, serving the communities of Mississauga and Brampton.

We are a non-profit organization proving compassionate, high quality, in home support to families and those living with life limiting illness.

“I want to thank the volunteers for all the hard work that they do. I really appreciate it. I look forward to coming here on Wednesdays because it’s so enjoyable for me.” said Kim, one of the hospice’s volunteers.

Drivers who choose to drive for the Day Program would need to commit to being available from approximately 12-4 p.m. on Wednesday afternoons.

Drivers who choose to drive for the Spa would need to commit to being available 2 Monday mornings a month or Wednesday evenings.

Drivers for the Day Program and Spa are urgently needed. In order to become a driver, you need a G license, you will need a driver’s abstract, police clearance, mini-



Cameron, a driver for Heart House Hospice. (Submitted Photo)

mum age 21 with 5 years driving experience and \$1 million in liability insurance.

What will you get in return? The opportunity to meet and make a difference in a person’s

life journey, receive .40 per km reimbursement, training in the palliative field and to be part of a great organization of wonderful volunteers and staff.

If you are interested

in learning more about Heart House Hospice volunteer opportunities, please contact Kelly McLaughlin at (905) 712-8119, ext. 223, or email kmclaughlin@heart-househospice.com.

Brampton Entrepreneur Centre launches September schedule

With fall now in full swing, the Brampton Entrepreneur Centre (BEC) is hosting a selection of new and returning courses that will teach prospective entrepreneurs about the industry.

A Starter Company Program (Intake Starts Sept. 5)

Want to launch or accelerate your business?

The Small Business Accelerator is a great opportunity for aspiring entrepreneurs and existing business owners, who want to start, expand or buy a mainstream business and are not in school or working full time with a chance to receive \$5,000 in grant funding.

Small Business Summit
Oct. 3 - 4, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
A game-changing experience

for entrepreneurs and small businesses in the Greater Toronto Area, the 2017 Small Business Summit (SBS) will provide pure business synergy through the help of leading speakers and innovators, local sourcing, and networking.

Essentials of Importing and Exporting
Thursday, Sept. 21, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Essentials of Importing and Exporting packs into a three-hour workshop all the information that an Ontario SME needs to know before starting on this exciting aspect of entrepreneurship.

Also, the nitty gritty of obtaining the right business number from Revenue

Canada and the right product (HS) codes, strategies for sourcing and market research, finding government support and logistics service providers, and negotiating customs paperwork.

Introducing to Financial Statements and Ratios
Friday, Sept. 22, 2:30 - 4 p.m.

Are you writing your business plan and need help understanding the financials section? Learn about the importance of your Cash Flow Statement, Balance Sheet, Income Statement as well as ratios.

A customizable financial template will be provided after the seminar is completed. This seminar is for beginners who have little to no financial experience.



Starting Strong - 5 Things to Focus On
Tuesday, Sept. 26, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Build a solid foundation for business success by learning what to focus on first as you get your business off the ground. Get clear action steps in the key areas of your business:

- Creating Value
- Marketing and Promoting Your Business

- Making Sales
- Delivering the Goods
- Making Money

How to Start a Small Business (Mount Pleasant Library)
Thursday, Sept. 28, 7p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

This 90-minute seminar covers everything you need to know when considering starting a business. Various topics are discussed, including: basic requirements such as name registration, business structures, licensing requirements, insurance, HST registration, labour requirements and sources of financing and how to craft a clear and concise business plan.

For more information or to register for programs, visit www.bramptonentrepreneurcentre.com.

Advertorial

Dedicated classes focus on one form of dance: tap

"People can tap from 3 to 93. It's a great form of physical exercise as well as mental exercise," said Kim Chalovich, the owner and operator of the Tap Dance Centre in Mississauga.

Chalovich, who has called Mississauga home for more than 20 years, opened the centre in 2010. It's the only one that exclusively offers tap dancing: not ballet, not ballroom, not hip-hop: just tap.

The Eastern Canadian Tap Conference, which will be held at the Maja Prentice Theatre and the Tap Dance Centre Oct. 13 to 15 in Mississauga, will feature Lisa LaTouche, Travis Knights, David Cox, Mackenzie Greenwell, and more! LaTouche has performed on Broadway in productions such as Shuffle Along and STOMP. Visit <http://www.whats-on-tap.com> for more information.

Chalovich's commitment to the craft can be seen in

her own all-female dance company called What's On? TAP! which since 1999, has produced shows and workshops that have been presented in Canada and the U.S. Chalovich was the first to produce a local 'all-tap' show. In 2005 she was the first to bring a tap festival to eastern Canada.

Private classes can be arranged with any of the faculty members. For the tap enthusiast, there are high calibre classes as well as performing companies starting at the junior level and rising up to the professional level.

Fall classes are starting at the Tap Dance Centre Sept. 11, and there is two-week trial period for new and existing students to try out any classes they want. These include: tap for tots / beginner adults classes / technique classes for intermediate and advanced levels.

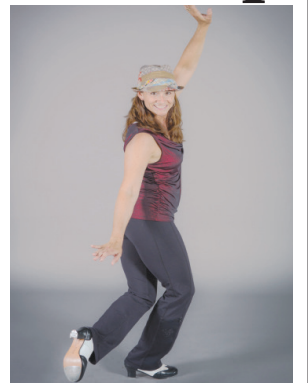
Chalovich, a stroke survivor, has taught 'post-stroke' victims in chairs to help regain



and retrain the sensory-motor pathways that were compromised.

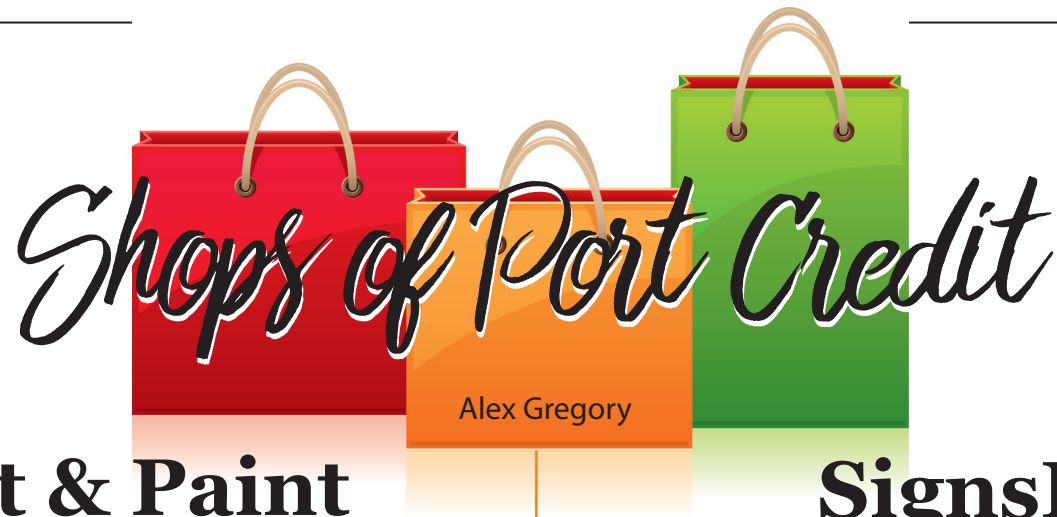
There is documented evidence that keeping the brain active and alert can help 'ward off' diseases like dementia and Alzheimer's disease. Simple, fun exercises in beginner level tap dancing are great for working the brain in different ways.

All these activities make new and alternate pathways in the brain - keeping it more flexible and able to handle 'change' better in effect - slowing down the mental aging process that the brain often undergoes prematurely.



The Tap Dance Centre is located at 2480 Cawthra Road Unit 15 at The Queensway. <http://www.tapdancecentre.com>.





Quaint & Paint

Quaint & Paint has quickly established itself as one of the village's premier destinations for quirky, homespun furniture and paintings. Located at 272 Lakeshore Rd. E., the showroom boasts a wide assortment of handmade and local pieces. Visitors to the store's showroom are often surprised to find it filled

with unique home décor accessories, gifts and painted pieces. Whether you're looking for something to begin designing a space around, or hunting for an accent piece to finish a room, the shop offers a wide range of pieces to suit your needs. Since opening in Port Credit last year, owner Mary Teresa has made cus-

tomor service and savvy, eye-catching designs her priority. Visitors can take advantage of an in-home decor consultation, or come down in person and hear Mary's recommendations for new styles. Visit www.quaintandpaint.com to find out more.

SignsDen

Tucked away in the village is a sign shop, which just might surprise you. SignsDen, located at 323 Lakeshore Rd. E., handles a variety of design and creative work, not just for businesses within the village of Port Credit, but for clients all throughout Peel. Helmed by owner Ernest Florentino, the shop provides a wide assortment of services,

offering a wide array of signs from 3D wall signs, reception, corporate and logo signs, printing, vinyl graphics, vehicle graphics, banners, posters and more. The shop also specializes in laser cutting / engraving and specialty signs. Walk inside for the first time and you'll see a sign that says, "God's office this way," a cheeky nod

to Ernest's commitment to handling any type of sign-related request for his client. Offering fast and friendly service and a variety of options, SignsDen prides itself on being able to deliver professional, clean templates and signs at affordable prices. For more information, visit www.signsden.com.



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Live Art Competition splashes down in Brampton

This past weekend, Downtown Brampton was host to the second annual Live Art Competition, bringing artists out from across the city to paint in downtown Brampton.

Live Art Competition was brought to the downtown community by John Cutruzzola of the Inzola Group and Grettel Comas of Baci Gifts & Michaels Photography, both of whom are very passionate in the local Brampton arts.

Comas, the founder of the competition, presented the idea of a Live Art Competition to her colleagues in 2016 and has brought together many key cultural organizations for this annual event.

Key organizations that were part of the 2017 Live Art Competition included Algo-

ma University, Baci Gifts, Beaux-Arts Brampton, Deb Kenny Jewellery, Downtown Brampton BIA, PAMA, The Arts of John Cutruzzola and Razor Creative.

Live Art Competition opened with artists meeting in Brampton's Garden Square for registration and then headed out to their choice of a downtown location to paint on canvas.

The finished master-pieces were formally submitted to the Live Art Competition organizers for judging.

Visitors to the competition also enjoyed the Downtown Brampton Farmers' Market, the CARABRAM International Food Festival and the World Jazz Festival, which all took place on the same day.

The winners of the competi-

tion were:

First prize (watercolour/mixed media): Anthony Wong

First prize (acrylic-oil): Karlene Bland

Second prize (watercolour/mixed media): Teresa Mytkowski

Second prize (acrylic-oil): Eunice Sim

Third prize (watercolour/mixed media): Rye

Third prize (acrylic-oil): Jordan Foster

Honourable mentions in Acrylic and Watercolour went to Eva Omes.

The winning artwork will be on display at Beaux Arts Brampton and the downtown Brampton BIA.

Peel hosts Culture Days activities

A variety of interactive events and workshops will be held on the Sept. 29 - Oct. 1 weekend, as Culture Days takes over Peel.

Caledon

Caledon Public Library will be celebrating our 20th annual Love Your Library month and are inviting the community to a full day of celebrations on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

This important milestone will also include the launch of the library's newest initiative Artful Caledon featuring art exhibits, demonstrations, and music by local artists of all ages and the unveiling of a virtual platform to promote their work. Join us as we honour Caledon's unique art, culture and heritage.

The event will also include a Battle of the Brushes between the Mayor and Council. Interactive activities for children will include a demonstration of 3D printing, Bumbling Bert's

Magic Show and Dance Party, readings from Read Local children's authors and an art exhibit by local schoolchildren.

The Alton Mills Arts Studio (1402 Queen Street) will host workshops and professional artists throughout the weekend. From 1 - 2 p.m. and 3 - 4 p.m. on Sept. 30, visitors can take a free historic tour of the Mill hosted by one of the Grant brothers, co-founders of the arts centre. This open studio weekend falls within the dates of the 2017 Headwaters Arts Festival, so be sure to check out the juried art show featuring outstanding contemporary Ontario artists!

Brampton

A launch event celebrating the 200th anniversary of the Churchville Community will be held at Sid Manser Park (corner of Creditview Road and Steeles Avenue) with a Public Art Ribbon-Cutting Party, acti-

vites and unveiling of a sculpture on Friday, Sept. 29 from 2 - 3:30 p.m. Later that evening, the Garden Square will host a Downtown Music Hub from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

The Rose Theatre will also be hosting an album preview from LO-FI Glory and a photo exhibition featuring Brampton artists Noyz and Dusty Loops from 6:30 - 10:30 p.m.

Doors Open Brampton will also be held the same weekend, allowing the public to explore 13 of its most intriguing and charming sites, free of charge.

Various sites throughout the city will be hosting interactive dance, music, art, fashion, theatre, film, literary and meditation activities for all ages from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m., including City Hall, Garden Square, Brampton libraries, PAMA and Beaux Arts Brampton. For a full list of participating locations, visit brampton.ca.



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Peel Region focused on shipping sector strategic plan, says regional chair



Frank Dale
Columnist

Since late 2014, I have been Peel Region chair and have gained an even greater appreciation of both the vital role the Region plays in serving its 1.4 million residents and the quality and dedication of the regional staff who carry out the work.

Beginning with this column, I intend to offer semi-regular contributions to this publication to help elaborate on issues affecting our residents; some of the services we provide; and our efforts to engage residents and interested parties in determining, developing and enacting meaningful programs and policies in pursuit of our objectives.

Many of you will be aware that Peel Region consists of three municipal jurisdictions: the City of Mississauga; the City of Brampton; and the Town of Caledon -- collectively the second largest jurisdiction in Ontario.

Peel Regional Council's key priority is infrastructure in its various forms, from affordable housing and community hubs to water and waste water systems, emissions and healthy community design.

The issue I want to discuss in transportation infrastructure, the movement of goods and road and highway maintenance and development.).

Transportation Infrastructure is a good starting point for a number of reasons. The issue of the critical need to invest in new infrastruc-

ture to meet the Region's growth projections has been well reported.

Last month, the annual meeting of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, where municipal leaders including Peel Region mayors advocated for an increase in the HST to help pay for a those infrastructure needs.

While these discussions and debates will and must continue, we also need to look at ways to maximize the use of the infrastructure we currently have.

Towards that end, Peel Region has established an effective working group known as the Peel Goods Movement Task Force.

The task force is comprised of staff from the Region's Transportation Division, members of regional council and their staffs, and relevant stakeholders representing all elements of the road user community.

I serve as chair of the task force and my council colleague, Mayor Allan Thompson of Caledon was instrumental in the establishment of this body. Last May, Regional Council approved the second Peel Region Goods Movement Strategic Plan (2017-2021).

This strategic plan and the issue of goods movement, in general, factored heavily in the extensive briefing material that the Peel Region delegation brought with them to the AMO conference last month.

Given its central location and proximity to the U.S. border, the Region of Peel is a significant goods movement hub for the Greater

Toronto Hamilton Area (GTHA), as well as the province and the country.

About \$1.8 billion worth of goods move within and through Peel every day and 68,000 vehicles transport goods daily. The Peel road network serves almost half a million truck trips weekly, one-half of the over 950,000 weekly truck trips in Ontario.

Goods movement dependent industries represent four in every nine jobs in Peel Region and \$49 billion in GDP. Furthermore, these jobs, in turn, create \$29 billion in labour income. However, the resulting congestion in Peel and beyond is estimated to cost the GTHA \$6 billion annually in lost economic activity.

This economic loss translates into compromised productivity, not to mention the impact on quality of life due to extended commuting time and environmental considerations.

To address these matters the Task Force has identified and is realizing a number of objectives which include:

- The enhancement of goods movement and logistics planning coordination;
- Adapting to advancements in the e-commerce shift;
- Extending and encouraging the use of Longer Combination Vehicles (LCVs);
- The pursuit of alternative fuels and fuel efficiency initiatives -- this complements the Region's Environmental Infrastructure priorities as well; and

-- Increasing the capacity of existing infrastructure through feasible off-peak freight deliveries (as currently, the Region has launched an off-peak delivery pilot project to provide relief during the most congested hours).

Included in the objectives outlined in the Peel Goods Movement Task Force Strategic Plan is the requirement that Peel Region continues to aggressively demonstrate and advance Peel's national role and importance in freight fluidity.

While not specific to the strategic plan, one hopeful outcome of advancing this objective would result in a complementary benefit: that being the provincial approval of the long advocated and long awaited Greater Toronto Area

(GTA) West Highway.

While the Strategic Plan looks to optimize existing infrastructure, the Region fully recognizes that options such as widening existing roads is not a sufficient or long term solution to meet the demands of future growth. With that understanding, Peel Region strongly advocates for the development of the GTA West -- a new 400 series highway.

If developed, the new highway should:

- Include alternative transportation modes (again, consistent with our environmental priorities);
- Complete long range transportation and land use planning in Brampton and Caledon;
- Complete an integrated

highway network by connecting to Highway 410 and Highway 427;

Relief congestion on existing routes; and

-- Divert traffic that should be accommodated on a provincial highway from regional roads.

If you wish to learn more about Peel's transportation priorities and initiatives -- or any of the other services the Region provides -- I invite you to visit the Region's website (peelregion.ca).

Frank Dale has been Chair and C.E.O. of Peel Region since late 2014. Before his appointment as regional chair, the life-long Mississauga resident represented the City of Mississauga as both City and Regional Council for over 26 years.



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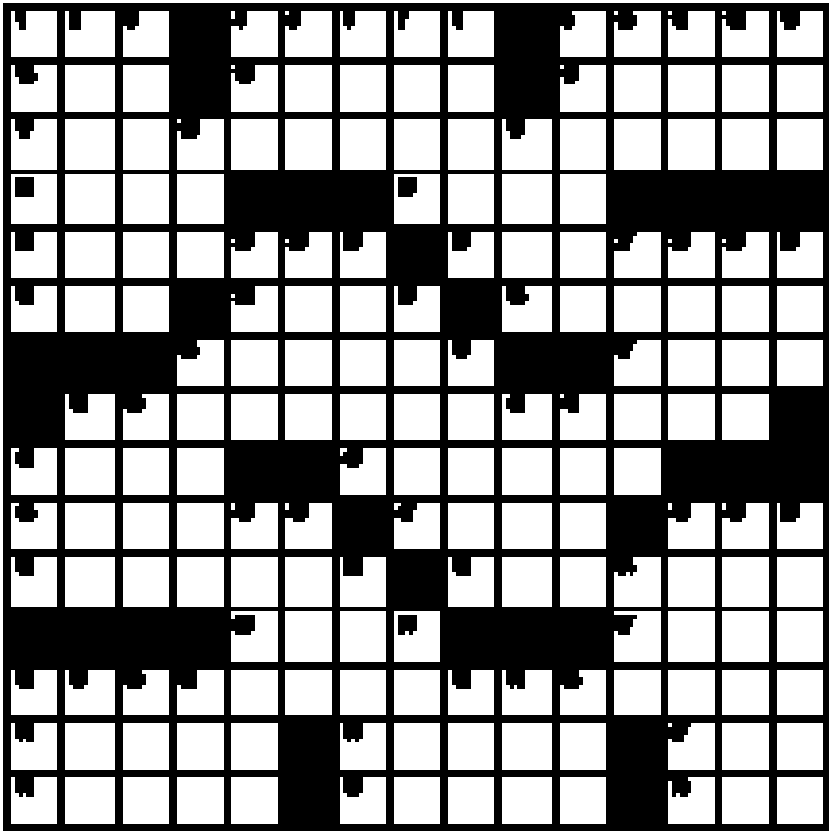
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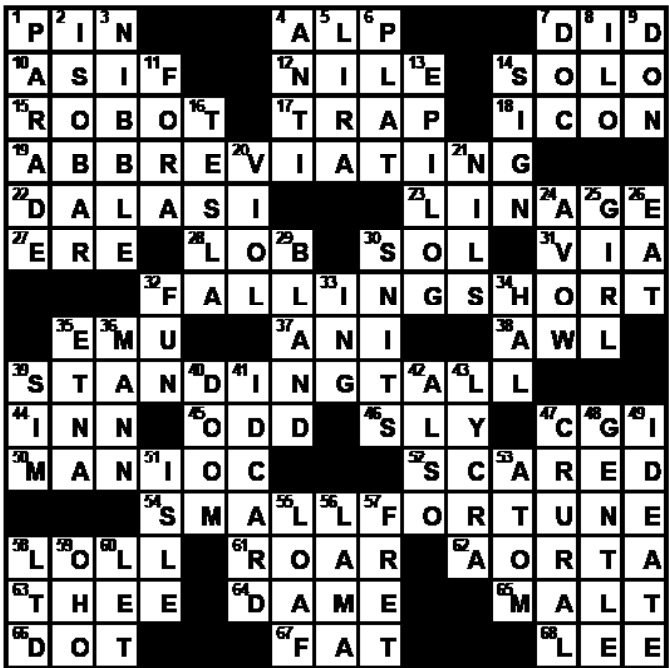
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 - 1. Eureka!
 - 4. End of Kobe's nickname
 - 9. Face up to
 - 14. Small-government proponent Paul
 - 15. Opinion, as it were
 - 16. Kind of eclipse or module
 - 17. Astronomical Beethoven work?
 - 20. Spherical hairdo
 - 21. Dryer remains
 - 22. Lacks
 - 26. Budget reduction
 - 31. Craft measured in cubits
 - 32. Atomic physicist Niels
 - 34. Inlaid furniture decoration
 - 35. More tainted
 - 37. Mast support
 - 38. Astronomical sight on Broadway?
 - 42. Ka-blam!
 - 43. Pact
 - 44. Has words (with)
 - 47. English river to the Wash
 - 48. Chew it over
 - 51. Word with space or gas
 - 53. Marsh gas
 - 55. Choice on "Let's Make a Deal"
 - 57. Google users seek it
 - 58. Street for stars
 - 65. Weeping willow
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 - 68. Conjures up spells
 - 69. Chloroform cousin
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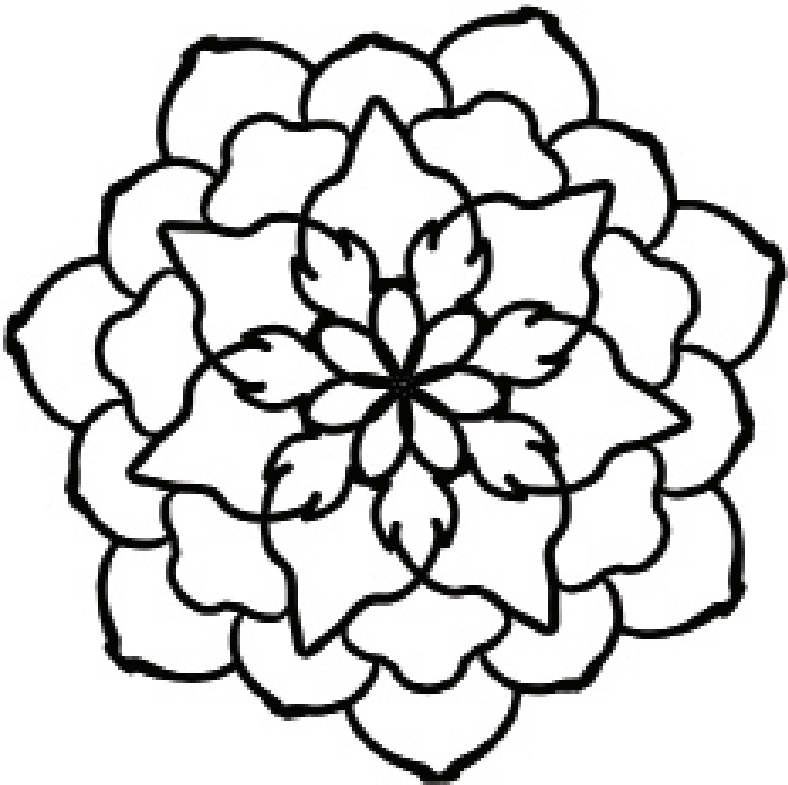
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 - 2. Professional dancer
 - 3. Fur-lined jacket
 - 4. 'Cool' cash amount
 - 5. Black tropical bird
 - 6. Auto dealer datum: Abbr.
 - 7. Decorative inlay
 - 8. Storage story
 - 9. Inebriated
 - 10. Vie for office
 - 11. Collector's suffix
 - 12. Winery sight
 - 13. MLB figure
 - 18. Negative alternative
 - 19. Turn a cold shoulder to
 - 23. Bunny slope lift
 - 24. Prefix meaning "same"
 - 25. Leave first or second, say
 - 27. Shaggy
 - 28. Lowest female voice
 - 29. Cat's scratcher
 - 30. Lock's partner?
 - 33. Fashionably in
 - 35. Full range
 - 36. Eye discharge
 - 38. Put first things first
 - 39. Cloak for Claudius
 - 40. Informality
 - 41. Editor's "keep"
 - 42. Relief may follow it
 - 45. Duck downs
 - 46. What a chimney-sweep sweeps
 - 48. Appetizer
 - 49. Locked up
 - 50. Hindu's "tree of the gods"
 - 52. Well-bred
 - 54. Target of lots of vaccine research
 - 56. Win in a walk
 - 58. Fifth note in a musical scale
 - 59. "For Official ____ Only"
 - 60. Nothing doing
 - 61. Use the peepers
 - 62. "How revolting!"
 - 63. 1965 Oscar winner Marvin
 - 64. Get it wrong

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Answers to Sept. 5 crossword



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